

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

FROM: EARLENE SPROAT
Clerk of the Board

**SUBJECT: APPROVE DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMIT OF
SAMI AMARIN**

RECOMMENDATIONS: Accept and approve the Hearing Officer's Proposed Decision on Appeal of Denial of Taxicab Driver's Permit of Appellant Sami Amarin, on file with the Clerk of the Board, which recommended decision is to uphold the denial of the application for a Taxicab Driver's Permit by Sami Amarin.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On September 28, 1999 the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with C L Farrell to render services as an Administrative Hearing Officer in connection with the appeal of a denial, or revocation, of a Taxicab Service Permit or Taxicab Driver's Permit. An appeal of the denial of a Taxicab Driver's Permit was filed by Sami Amarin. On December 7, 1999, this appeal was heard by C L Farrell.

Mr. Sami Amarin had requested a Taxicab Driver's Permit; pending the issuance of such a permit, Mr. Amarin had been operating as a taxicab driver pursuant to temporary Taxicab Driver's Permits issued by the County of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. In January 1999, Mr. Amarin was arraigned and convicted of one count of violating California Penal Code Section 487(A) Grant Theft. In August of 1999, the County of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department became aware of the conviction in the course of doing its investigation of Mr. Amarin's background for issuance of the requested Taxicab Driver's Permit. On September 1, 1999, the Sheriff's department mailed Mr. Amarin a written notice that he no longer qualified for the Taxicab Driver's Permit due to the felony conviction. Mr. Amarin filed an appeal of that determination. On December 7, 1999, the Administrative Hearing Officer heard Mr. Amarin's appeal and pursuant to the Findings of Facts and Determination of Issues contained in the Proposed Decision, on file with the Clerk of the Board, entered a recommended decision upholding the denial of the Application of Mr. Amarin for a Taxicab Driver's Permit.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by Deputy County Counsel, Robert L. Jocks, on February 11, 2000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact to the County of the Board taking action of the Hearing Officer's Proposed Decision on Appeal of Denial of Taxicab Driver's Permit.

DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Earlene Sproat, Clerk of the Board of Supervisor

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors